

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2004.

In the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,990,866 ("Martheli") in view of the 1996 publication by Brennan. In response, claims 1 and 2 have been combined thereby traversing this rejection.

Applicant also submits an amended Figure 1 as Figure 1 is used to describe the prior art on page 1 of the application as filed. No new matter is added thereby.

An early action indicating the allowability of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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